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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/541,004	POTT ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 06 December 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 15.

Identification of prior art discussed: Farmer et al. (U.S. 6,244,043).

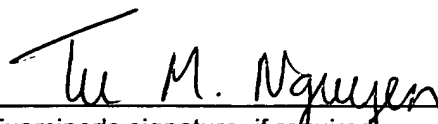
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Applicant's argument that Farmer et al. fail to disclose a step of limiting the introduction of energy based on at least one of rate of change of the catalyst temperature with respect to time (second derivative with respect to time), rate of change of the exhaust gas temperature with respect to time, and rate of change of the exhaust gas flow rate with respect to time, is persuasive; therefore, the claims are allowable pending further search and consideration.